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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
3. Reply to Requirement for Election of Species;
4. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
5. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (6 sheets);
6. A copy of each reference cited on Form PTO-1449  
(29 documents: **AB8-AA9, AM9, and AS110-AT115**);
7. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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